IN RE:

PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW/S Texas Avenue, 110' NW from the c/l Avondale Road

(3225 Texas Avenue) 14th Election District 6th Councilmanic District

David S. Wolford, et ux

Petitioners

* BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 97-75-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for that property known as 3225 Texas Avenue, located in the vicinity of Harford Road and Taylor Avenue in Parkville. The Petition was filed by the owners of the property, David S. and Colleen M. Wolford. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 400.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a rear property line setback of 18 inches in lieu of the minimum required 2.5 feet for an existing pool with an attached deck. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Colleen M. Wolford, property owner, and F. Xavier and Mary Spiegel, nearby neighbors. No one appeared in opposition to the request; however, the Petition was filed in response to a complaint registered with the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) office by an adjoining property owner, Margaret Clugston, concerning the location of the subject pool.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of 0.12 acres, more or less, zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a 1.5 story dwelling and a swimming pool with an attached deck, which is the subject of this request. The Petitioners erected the subject pool and

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deck this past June in the rear corner of their yard. Due to the small size of the lot and the location of two large trees in the middle of the yard, the Petitioners believed the location chosen was the most practical. Furthermore, the Petitioners believed that by installing the pool and deck to the rear of their property, it would leave more space to establish a play area for their children and build a shed in their back yard. As a result of the complaint noted above, the Building Inspection division of the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) inspected the property and it was determined that the deck was located too close to the rear property line. The building permit for the deck was suspended pending the outcome of this variance request.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

- 1) whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;
- 2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,
- 3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After considering the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the variance. As noted above, no one appeared in



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opposition to the relief requested and the two neighbors who did appear supported Ms. Wolford and her variance request. In my view, the location of this pool and deck is appropriate in this instance. A review of the site plan reveals that a large garage exists immediately adjacent to the rear of the subject property, behind the pool and deck. Thus, the view of the subject structures is somewhat buffered by this garage. Furthermore, the existence of two large trees in the middle of the rear yard limits the space available for a swimming pool. In the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the relief requested will not result in any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare and meets the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this 3rd day of October, 1996 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 400.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a rear property line setback of 18 inches in lieu of the minimum required 2.5 feet for an existing pool with an attached deck, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shally be rescinded.

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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tion for Variance

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

3225 Texas Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234

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which is presently zoned

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This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s)

Sect. 400.1 (BCZR) - To allow an existing deck and pool of 18 inches rear setback in lieu of the required 2.5 feet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or practical difficulty)

The lots in this neighborhood are small. We constructed an 18' round swimming pool, and placed it in the back left corner of the yard to make the best use of available There are two large trees in the middle of the yard which limit our options for the deck. We also have plans for a shed and swingset which we are now trying to leave space for. It is financially impossible to have the trees removed making it important for us to plan well and use the limited space wisely. Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, poeting, etc., upon filling of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

			I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.
Contract Purchaser/Lessee			Legal Owner(s):
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Signature			Signature
			Colleen M. Wolford
Address			(Type or Print Name)
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Attorney for Petitioner.			3225 Texas Ave. Work 666-8240
(Type or Print Name)			Address Phone No
			Baltimore, MD 21234
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ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 3225 Texas Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234

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Westerly Road and the said southwest side of Texas Road, both
roads 50 feet wide and running thence binding on said southwest
side of Texas Road south 39 degrees 10 minutes east 44 feet; thence
running south 50 degrees, 15 minutes west 119 and 11/100ths feet;
thence running north 38 degrees, 37 minutes west, 44 feet; and
thence north 50 degrees 15 minutes east 118 and 70/100ths feet
to the place of beginning. Being the lot designated as 3225 Texas Road
on the Plat of Parktowne, Section B, recorded in Plat Book C.W.B. Jr. No. 12,
folio 77. The improvements thereon being now known as 3225 Texas Road.

EXAMPLE 3 -- Zoning Description

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3 COPIES

Three copies of the zoning description of your property are required. This is a sample to help you with the description - DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR "FILL-IN THE BLANK". Type or print the description on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. COPIES OF DEEDS CANNOT BE USED FOR THE DESCRIPTION. The zoning description must be in the following form:

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 3225 TEXAS AVE. (address)
Beginning at a point on the SOUTH WEST side of (north, south, east or west)
TEXAS AVE which is 50 FT. name of street on which property fronts) (number of feet of right-of-way width)
wide at the distance of <u>IIO' ± NORTH WEST</u> of the (number of feet) (north, south, east or west)
centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street
which is
Block,Section # B in the subdivision of PARKTONE (name of subdivision)
as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # 12 , Folio # 77 ,
containing O·12 AC. Also known as 3225 TEXAS AVE. (square feet or acres) (property address) and located in the 14 Election District, Councilmanic District.
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*If your property is not recorded by Plat Book and Folio Number, then DO NOT attempt to use the Lot, Block and Subdivision description as shown, instead state: "As recorded in Deed Liber ___, Folio __" and include the measurements and directions (metes and bounds only) here and on the plat in the correct location.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

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118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towashin Maryland 21204 as follows

Case: #97-75-A (liem 73) 9225 Texas Avenue SW/S Texas Avenue, 110' +/-NW from c/l Avondale Road 14th Election District 6th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): David S. Wolford and Collen David S. Wolford and Collect
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Hearing: Monday, September
30, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm.
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LAWRENCE E SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County NOTES: (1) Heatings are Handicapped Accessible; for special accommodations Please Call 887-3353; (2) For information concerning the File and/or Hearing, Please Call 887-3391.

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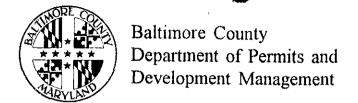
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

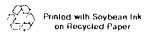
This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR
For newspaper advertising:
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Location: 3225 TEXAS AVE. BALTO MD 21234
PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:
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3225 Texas Avenue

SW/S Texas Avenue, 110'+/- NW from c/l Avondale Road

14th Election District - 6th Councilmanic

Legal Owner(s): David S. Wolford and Collen M. Wolford

Variance to allow an existing deck and pool of 18 inches rear setback in lieu of the required 2.5 feet.

HEARING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT
ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

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Baltimore County Department of Permits and Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

August 29, 1996

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Arnold Jablon

Director

cc: David and Collen Wolford

Margaret Clugston

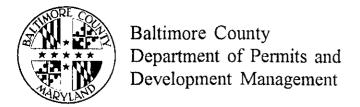
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Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

September 23, 1996

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Wolford 3225 Texas Avenue Baltimore, MD 21234

RE: Item No.: 73

Case No.: 97-75-A

Petitioner: David Wolford, et ux

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wolford:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on August 13, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (887-3391).

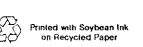
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Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

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Attachment(s)



Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500 Office of the Fire Marshal (410) 887-4880

DATE: 08/27/96

Arnold Jablon
Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management
Baltimore County Office Building
Towson, MD 21204
MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

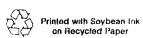
8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:59,70,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79 AND 80.

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REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO.

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: August 30, 1996

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Department of Permits & Development

Management

Robert W. Bowling, Chief
Development Plans Review Division

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for September 3, 1996

Item Nos. 059, 061, 070, 073, 074, 075, 077, 078, 079, & 080

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comments.

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DATE: August 29, 1996

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Permits and Development

Management

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning

SUBJECT:

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 57, 59 (73, 74, 77, 79, and 80

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3495.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

PDM

DATE:

FROM:

R. Bruce Seeley

Permits and Development Review

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting Date: Lup 26

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

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David L. Winstead Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

8-30-96

Ms. Roslyn Eubanks Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

Baltimore County Item No. 073 (PT

Dear Ms. Eubanks:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-545-5581 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

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My telephone number is .

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#73 --- RT

1. No zoning indicated on petition form.

#74 --- JRA

- 1. No description on folder.
- 2. No address for legal owner.
- 3. No telephone number for legal owner.

#75 --- JRF

- 1. No zoning indicated on folder.
- 2. No election district indicated on folder.
- 3. No councilmanic district indicated on folder.
- 4. No acreage indicated on folder.
- 5. No signature of legal owner on petition form.
- 6. Need title of person signing for contract purchaser.

#79 --- JRA

1. Notary section is incomplete.

#80 --- JCM

1. No councilmanic district on folder.

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Baltimore County
Department of Permits & Development Management
III West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson. Maryland 21204
(410) 887-3351

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Larry E. Schmidt

DATE:

August 27, 1996

FROM:

James H. Thompson - DT

Zoning Commissioner

Code Inspections and Enforcement Supervisor

RE:

ITEM NO.:

73

PETITIONER: David S. Wolford and Colleen M. Wolford

VIOLATION CASE NO.:

C-96-5711

LOCATION OF VIOLATION:

3225 Texas Avenue

14th Election District

DEFENDANTS:

David S. Wolford and Colleen M. Wolford

3225 Texas Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s):

NAME

<u>ADDRESS</u>

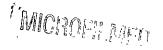
Margaret Clugston

3124 Texas Avenue

Baltimore, Maryland 21234

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's Order to the Code Inspections and Enforcement Supervisor, so that the appropriate action may be taken to the violation case.

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE * BEFORE THE

3225 Texas Avenue, SW/S Texas Avenue,

110'+/- NW from c/l Avondale Road * ZONING COMMISSIONER

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David S. and Colleen M. Wolford Petitioners * CASE NO. 97-75-A

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO
Deputy People's Counsel
Room 47, Courthouse
400 Washington Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

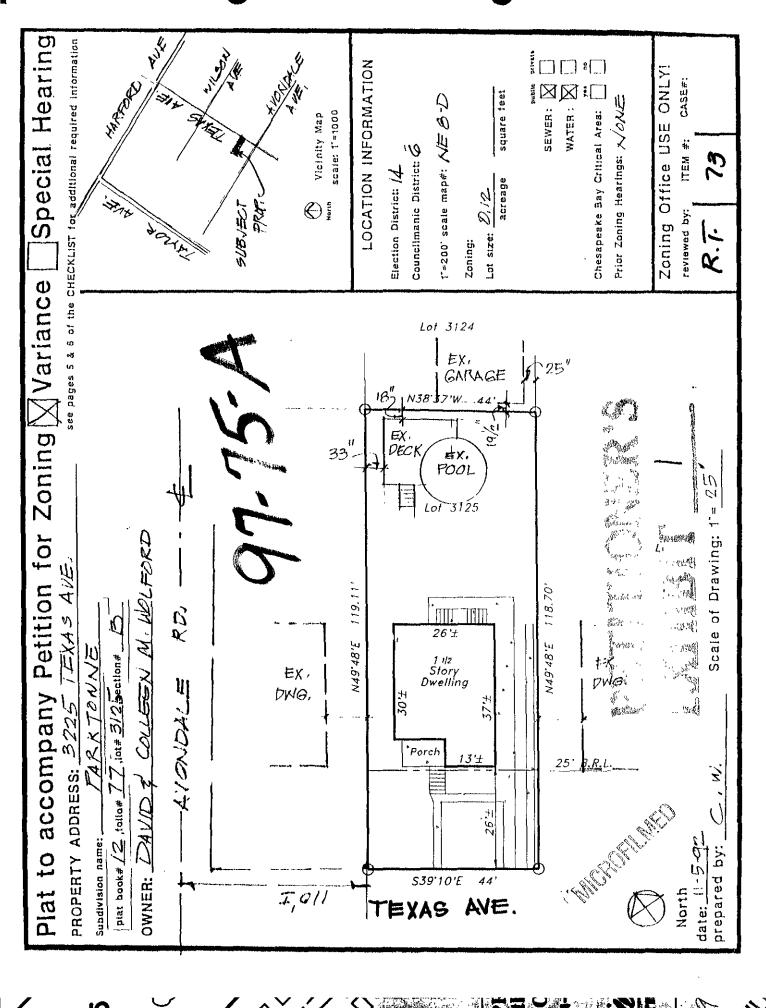
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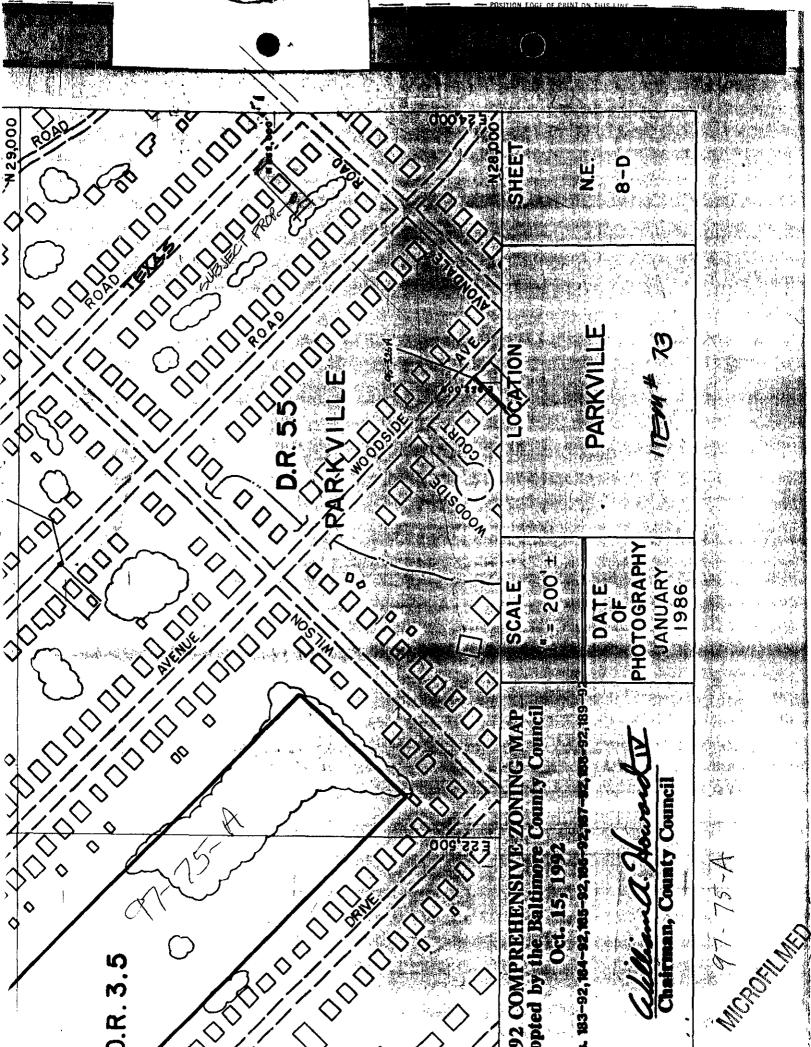
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Baltimore County Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

October 3, 1996

Mr. & Mrs. David S. Wolford 3225 Texas Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21234

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE
SW/S Texas Avenue, 110' NW from the c/l Avondale Road
(3225 Texas Avenue)
14th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District
David S. Wolford, et ux - Petitioners
Case No. 97-75-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wolford:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Variance has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

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cc: Ms. Margaret Clugston 3124 Texas Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21234

People's Counsel

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IN RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW/S Texas Avenue, !10' NW from the c/l Avondale Road (3225 Texas Avenue) 14th Election District 6th Councilmanic District David S. Wolford, et ux

Petitioners

* BEFORE THE

* DEPUTY ZONING COMMISSIONER * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

* Case No. 97-75-A

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Deputy Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for that property known as 3225 Texas Avenue, located in the vicinity of Harford Road and Taylor Avenue in Parkville. The Petition was filed by the owners of the property, David S. and Colleen M. Wolford. The Petitioners seek relief from Section 400.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a rear property line setback of 18 inches in lieu of the minimum required 2.5 feet for an existing pool with an attached deck. The subject property and relief sought are more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Colleen M. Wolford, property owner, and F. Xavier and Mary Spiegel, nearby neighbors. No one appeared in opposition to the request; however, the Petition was filed in response to a complaint registered with the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) office by an adjoining property owner, Margaret Clugston, concerning the location of the subject pool.

Testimony and evidence offered revealed that the subject property consists of 0.12 acres, more or less, zoned D.R. 5.5, and is improved with a 1.5 story dwelling and a swimming pool with an attached deck, which is the subject of this request. The Petitioners erected the subject pool and deck this past June in the rear corner of their yard. Due to the small size of the lot and the location of two large trees in the middle of the yard, the Petitioners believed the location chosen was the most practical. Furthermore, the Petitioners believed that by installing the pool and deck to the rear of their property, it would leave more space to establish a play area for their children and build a shed in their back yard. As a result of the complaint noted above, the Building Inspection division of the Department of Permits and Development Management (DPDM) inspected the property and it was determined that the deck was located too close to the rear property line. The building permit for the deck was suspended pending the outcome of this variance request.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

2) whether a grant of the variance would do a substantial justice to the applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give sufficient relief; and,

3) whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

After considering the testimony and evidence presented, I am persuaded to grant the variance. As noted above, no one appeared in

opposition to the relief requested and the two neighbors who did appear supported Ms. Wolford and her variance request. In my view, the location of this pool and deck is appropriate in this instance. A review of the site plan reveals that a large garage exists immediately adjacent to the rear of the subject property, behind the pool and deck. Thus, the view of the subject structures is somewhat buffered by this garage. Furthermore, the existence of two large trees in the middle of the rear yard limits the space available for a swimming pool. In the opinion of this Deputy Zoning Commissioner, the relief requested will not result in any injury to the public health, safety or general welfare and meets the spirit and intent of the zoning regulations.

public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the variance requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Deputy Zoning Commissioner for day of October, 1996 that the Petition for Variance seeking relief from Section 400.1 of the B.C.Z.R. to permit a rear property line setback of 18 inches in lieu of the minimum required 2.5 feet for an existing pool with an attached deck, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following

> however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

> > for Baltimore County

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and

restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded. Autho Kotron Deputy Zoning Commissioner

Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112. Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 (410) 887-4386

October 3, 1996

Mr. & Mrs. David S. Wolford 3225 Texas Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21234

RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE SW/S Texas Avenue, 110' NW from the c/l Avondale Road (3225 Texas Avenue) 14th Election District - 6th Councilmanic District David S. Wolford. et ux - Petitioners Case No. 97-75-A

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Wolford:

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> Very truly yours, TIMOTHY M. KOTROCO

Deputy Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

cc: Ms. Margaret Clugston 3124 Texas Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21234

People's Counsel

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at 3225 Texas Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234 which is presently zoned DR5.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) Sect. 400.1 (BCZR) - To allow an existing deck and pool of 16 inches rear setback in lieu of the required 2.5 feet.

of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to the Zoning Law of Baltimore County; for the following reasons: (indicate hardship or The lots in this neighborhood are small. We constructed an 18' round swimming pool, and placed it in the back left corner of the yard to make the best use of available space. There are two large trees in the middle of the yard which limit our options for the deck. We also have plans for a shed and swingset which we are now trying to leave space for. It is financially impossible to have the trees removed making it important for us to plan well and use the limited space wisely.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

t/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that t/we are the Contract Furchaser/Lessee: David S. Wolford Colleen M. Wolford Attorney for Petitioner. (Type or Print Name) MD 21234 Baltimore,

77-75-1

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 3225 Texas Ave., Baltimore, MD 21234 Beginning at a point on the southwest side of Texas Road at a point south 39 degrees 10 minutes east, 546 feet from the corner formed by the intersection of the southeast side of Westerly Road and the said southwest side of Texas Road, both roads 50 feet wide and running thence binding on said southwest side of Texas Road south 39 degrees 10 minutes east 44 feet; thence running south 50 degrees, 15 minutes west 119 and 11/100ths feet; thence running north 38 degrees, 37 minutes west, 44 feet; and thence north 50 degrees 15 minutes east 118 and 70/100ths feet to the place of beginning. Being the lot designated as 3225 Texas Road on the Plat of Parktowne, Section B, recorded in Plat Book C.W.B. Jr. No. 12, folio 77. The improvements thereon being now known as 3225 Texas Road.

EXAMPLE 3 -- Zoning Description

Three copies of the zoning description of your property are required. This is a sample to help you with the description - DO NOT USE THIS FORM FOR "FILL-IN THE BLANK". Type or print the description on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. COPIES OF DEEDS CANNOT BE USED FOR THE DESCRIPTION. The zoning description must be in the

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR 3225 TEXAS AVE

centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street __AVONDALE RD

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containing O·IZ AC. Also known as 3225 TEXAS AVE (square feet or acres) (property address) and located in the 14 Election District, 6 Councilmanic District.

> *If your property is not recorded by Plat Book and Folio Number. then DO NOT attempt to use the Lot, Block and Subdivision description as shown, instead state: "As recorded in Deed Liber ___, Folio ___" and include the measurements and directions (metes and bounds only) here and on the plat in the Typical metes and bounds: N.87 12' 13" E. 321.1 ft., S.18 27' 03" E.87.2 rt., S.62 19' 00" W. 318 ft., and N.08 15' 22" W. 80 ft. to the place of beginning.

> > ITEM# 73

CASE NUMBER: 97-75-A (Item 73) 3225 Texas Avenue SW/S Texas Aver, 110'+/- NW from c/l Avondale 14th Election District - 6th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): David S. Wolford and Collen M. Wolford Variance to allow an existing deck and pool of 18 inches rear setback in lieu of the required 2.5 feet. HEARING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 118, Old Courthouse. Post by: 9/15/96

> CENTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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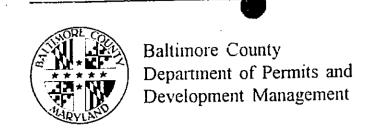
NOTICE OF HEARING The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regula-tions of Baltimore County will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Ofpeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204 or Room deck and pool of 18 inches rear setback in lieu of the re-quired 2.5 feet. Hearing: Monday, September 30, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Old Courthouse. CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

TOWSON, MD., Sept. 6, 1996 THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

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ITEM#73



Development Processing County Office Building III West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County zoning regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising: Item No.: 73 Petitioner: CAND - College (NOIFIFC) Location: 8225 TRXAD AR. (ACTO MO 2123) PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: NAME: 18/1890 (NOKORO ADDRESS: 3000 TRYAS APP.

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NOTICE OF HEARING

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Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

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LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

August 29, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

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cu: David and Collen Wolford Margaret Clugston

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Department of Permits and

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

September 23, 1996

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Wolford 3225 Texas Avenue Baltimore, MD 21234

> RE: Item No.: 73 Case No.: 97-75-A Petitioner: David Wolford, et ux

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wolford:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on August 13, 1996.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Roslyn Eubanks in the zoning office (887-3391).

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/re Attachment(s)

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Baltimore County Government

700 East Joppa Road Towson, MD 21286-5500

Office of the Fire Marshal (410)887 - 1880

DATE: 08/27/96

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

RE: Property Owner: SEE BELOW

Location: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF AUGUST 26, 1996.

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time. IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS:59.70,72,73,74,75,76,77, 78.79 AND 80.

REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director Department of Permits & Development Management Robert W. Bowling, Chief

Development Plans Review Division SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for September 3, 1996

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning item, and we have no comments.

RWB:HJO:jrb

Date: August 30, 1996

Item Nos. 059, 061, 070, 073, 074, 075, 077, 078, 079, & 080

cc: File

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: August 29, 1996

Arnold Jablon, Director Permits and Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

Item Nos. 57, 59, 73, 74, 77, 79, and 80

The Office of Planning has no comments on the following petition(s):

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3495.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

May Leman

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

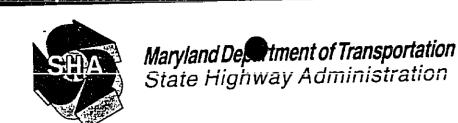
R. Bruce Seeley Permits and Development Review

Zoning Advisory Committee

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has no comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

BRUCE2/DEPRM/TXTSBP

ITEM57A/PZONE/ZAC1



David L. Winstead Secretary Parker F. Williams Administrator

8-30-96

Ms. Roslyn Eubanks
Baltimore County Office of
Permits and Development Management
County Office Building, Room 109
Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Eubanks:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Smail at 410-545-5581 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

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Ronald Burns, Chief
Engineering Access Permits
Division

RE: Baltimore County

Item No. 073 (RT)

BS/es

PETITION PROBLEMS

#73 --- RT

No zoning indicated on petition form.

#74 --- JRA

1. No description on folder.

No address for legal owner.
 No telephone number for legal owner.

#75 --- JRF

1. No zoning indicated on folder.

No election district indicated on folder.

No councilmanic district indicated on folder.

4. No acreage indicated on folder.

5. No signature of legal owner on petition form.6. Need title of person signing for contract purchaser.

<u>#79 --- JRA</u>

Notary section is incomplete.

#80 --- JCM

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August 21, 1996



BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

O: Larry E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner DATE: August 27, 1996

FROM: James H. Thompson - DT

Code Inspections and Enforcement Supervisor

RE: ITEM NO.: 73

PETITIONER: David S. Wolford and Colleen M. Wolford

C-96-5711

VIOLATION CASE NO.:

LOCATION OF VIOLATION: 3225 Texas Avenue

14th Election District

DEFENDANTS: David S. Wolford and Colleen M. Wolford 3225 Texas Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21234

Please be advised that the aforementioned petition is the subject of an active violation case. When the petition is scheduled for a public hearing, please notify the following person(s):

NAME

Margaret Clugston

<u>ADDRESS</u>

3124 Texas Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21234

After the public hearing is held, please send a copy of the Zoning Commissioner's Order to the Code Inspections and Enforcement Supervisor, so that the appropriate action may be taken to the violation case.

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RE: PETITION FOR VARIANCE *

3225 Texas Avenue, SW/S Texas Avenue,

110'+/- NW from c/l Avondale Road *

14th Election District, 6th Councilmanic *

David S. and Colleen M. Wolford

Petitioners *

BEFORE THE

ZONING COMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

CASE NO. 97-75-A

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

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Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-captioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 36 day of September, 1996, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to David S. and Colleen M. Wolford, 3225 Texas Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21234, Petitioners.

Peter May Zimmerman

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

